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SUBJECT: GILANI TO CODEL SNOWE: HELP US HIT TARGETS

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b), (d).

1. (C) Summary: Codel Snowe met November 11 with Pakistan's Prime Minister Yousuf Gilani. Gilani thanked the USG for its support in helping tr
A Closer Relationship

2. (C) The Ambassador, U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), as well as Congressional Staff Eric Pelofsky and John

3. (C) PM Gilani thanked the U.S. Senate for its support of his country's democracy. He credited the USG for Pakistan's relative free and fair

4. (C) Gilani pressed the USG to share all credible, actionable threat information; "we will hit the targets ourselves," he promised. Gilani s

5. (C) Gilani stated, "we have the will but not the capacity." He claimed the GOP was seeing success in separating militants from the tribals

6. (C) "What more proof do you need from us that we are allies against terrorism?" Gilani asked; after all, Pakistan had lost more soldiers (

7. (C) Senator Snowe reiterated USG support for Pakistan's return to democracy and noted the degree to which Pakistanis had suffered in the wa

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ally," she added, and both countries must agree on a "common approach to our common enemy." A new U.S. administration was an opportunity for a

Afghanistan

8. (C) "A stable Afghanistan is in Pakistan's interests," Gilani said. He had reached out to Afghanistan's President Karzai (as well as India'

9. (C) Pakistan supported the Paris Donors' Conference to aid Afghanistan and was moving forward with bilateral talks and jirgas. Gilani noted

10. (C) Gilani asked the U.S. to release to GOP custody Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani arrested in and deported from Afghanistan on charges c

11. (U) Codel Snowe did not clear this cable.

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